

**Local Affairs.**

**FORT BENTON OBSERVATORY.**

MEOROLOGICAL REPORT FOR THE WEEK ENDING SEPT. 2, 1876.

Day of the Week.	Mean Barometer.	Mean Thermometer.	Highest temperature.	Lowest temperature.	Rainfall (No. of inches).	Depth of River.	Prevailing Wind.	Maximum velocity of wind.	State of weather during the week.
Friday.	30.43	56	73	45	0	10	W	28	Clear
Saturday.	30.16	56	71	40	0	0	9 N W	16	Clear
Sunday.	30.03	57	75	36	0	0	S E	12	Clear
Monday.	30.14	59	76	42	0	0	7 S W	12	Clear
Tuesday.	30.20	63	81	45	0	0	7 W	12	Clear
Wednesday.	30.33	63	75	44	0	0	7 E	20	Clear
Thursday.	30.31	55	67	41	0	0	6 N	18	Clear

WILLIAM MCGILLIVRAY,  
Sergeant, Signal Service, U. S. A.

Capt. Smith, of the Benton ferry boat, reports business brisk, but money scarce.

Charley Rowe has loaded his shot-gun preparatory to starting on a collecting tour.

It will take two thousand slaughtered buffalo to fill the Fort Peck contract for 75,000 pounds of dried meat.

We have good authority for saying that Benton will certainly be surveyed some time during the present fall.

Dick Berry, who was so dangerously injured in the saloon fracas, reported in our last issue but one, is out and around.

Our Postmaster has requested us to republish last week's letter list, which we do, hoping it will prove interesting to somebody.

Mr. W. E. Bond has purchased the corner lot adjoining the new Record office, and will erect a large store building next spring.

The roof of Judge Sanborn's dwelling house caught fire last Monday morning. Everybody turned out promptly, and the fire was extinguished before any material damage had been done.

The steamer Benton will leave Yankton, D. T., for Cow Island and all intermediate points, on or about Sept. 20th. Returning, leaves Cow Island October 15th. Her merchandise is now awaiting her at Cow Island.

Some of our citizens believe—and we entirely agree with them—that Benton should have a steam fire-engine. Certainly no town ever stood in greater need of some reliable means for preventing the destruction of property, and it would perhaps be more economical in the end to purchase a good steamer than an old-fashioned hand engine.

It will be a proud moment to Mrs Jasper when she peruses this number of the Record. We can imagine the old lady reclining in the rocking chair, her eyes filled with affectionate tears for the absent Jasper, as she recalls those happy days when she used to threaten to scald him with the coffee pot. Even the unmusical notes of those ferocious pests referred to in the sketch, will in future have no unpleasant sound to her, for they will ever remind her of a distant land and the author of "Will a Mosquito Bite?"

We were pleased to greet during the past week the genial countenance of Hon. James M. Arnoux, of Highwood. We are sorry that Mr. A.'s visits are such short ones and so far between, as his host of friends are always delighted to see and entertain him. Mr. Arnoux reports the condition of his crops as far exceeding his most sanguine expectations, and he has contracted largely to furnish the housewives of Benton with green tomatoes and cauliflowers for pickling purposes. A large train of wagons will proceed to his place from this point, within a few days, for the purpose of transferring these delicious vegetables to the purchasers.

**John Maguire.**

Mr. John Maguire, a comedian of unusual ability, will entertain the residents of Benton, this evening, with an "olio of oddities, comprising grand dress recitals, character sketches, and Irish specialties. As an elocutionist, Mr. Maguire is said to be second to none in the country, while his humor is of a superior order to that of the famous Alf Barnett. The Independent and Herald speak highly of Mr. Maguire's performances at Helena, and we have no doubt he will be equally well appreciated at Benton.

**I. G. BAKER & CO.,**

Wholesale and Retail Dealers in

**GENERAL MERCHANDISE,**

Are in Receipt of a Larger

**Stock of Assorted Merchandise**

THAN ANY OTHER HOUSE IN MONTANA.

**SPECIAL INDUCEMENTS TO CASH BUYERS**

**Will Pay the Highest Rates**

for ROBES & FURS.

Transact a General

**STORAGE & FREIGHTING**

Business, and will Contract Freight from Eastern Cities to All Points in Montana.

ARE PREPARED TO TAKE RISKS ON SHIPMENTS

**By Way of the Missouri River.**

**Freight Items.**

Shipped by T. C. Power and Bro.: Kinna & Jack, 5,323 pounds; Charles Lehman, 8,117 pounds; Murphy, Neel & Co., 2,374 pounds; J. D. Brown, 684 pounds; Clark, Conrad & Curtin, 5,572 pounds; A. M. Holter, 7,459 pounds; Fred Lehman, 2,943 pounds; R. S. Hale, 937 pounds; T. C. Power & Co., 2,400 pounds; Cannon Bros., 14,448 pounds; T. C. Power & Bro., Ft. McLeod, 66,000 pounds.

**Second shipment:**

H. M. Parchen & Co., 3,236 pounds; Clark, Conrad & Curtin, 3,535 pounds; C. L. Vawter & Co., 1 wagon.

**Sun River Items.**

We are indebted to Mr. Robert Vaughan for the following items:

George Steell's new store is in running order, and doing well considering dull times. George is a thorough business man, a painstaking merchant, and an excellent salesman, so there is little doubt of his success.

Harvest is about over, and the threshing machines will soon be at work.

The second round up will be commenced soon after the Territorial Fair.

No Geese have as yet appeared in the valley; the Helena geese hunters are consequently "out of luck." The late arrival of geese is considered a "sure sign" of a mild winter.

John Largent has purchased the Sun River House. Mrs. Largent lately presented John with another girl.

Tom Clary has a fine young bullwhacker. Jim Adams hasn't, but expects one.

**Personal.**

Paymaster Blaine arrived yesterday afternoon.

Mr. Robert Vaughan, of Sun River, favored us with a visit on Thursday.

The least valuable lots in Benton are now considered worth jumping.

**NOTICE.**

To save costs, all persons knowing themselves to be indebted to us are requested to call and settle their accounts, by cash or note, on or before the 1st day of October, 1876. After that date all outstanding debts will be placed in the hands of an Attorney for collection.

**ROWE BROTHERS.**

Overland Hotel, Fort Benton, M. T.

**LETTER LIST.**

The following letters remain uncalled for at the Fort Benton Post Office. Parties calling for letters will please state that they were advertised.

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|----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| Ages, D D      | Delaney, Jo     | McKendie, Wm    |
| Atkin, Wm      | Deletroy, S T   | McKenly, D      |
| Atte, Jos      | Everson, Robt E | McDonald, D 2   |
| Band, A        | Ell, Lon        | Miller, O       |
| Burnet, Joe    | Elbert, J H     | Mrs Maguire,    |
| Buckman, C K   | Elerly, P       | Murphy, C Mrs   |
| Bradley, Ed    | Fiell, J J      | Mullingham, W   |
| Bergiven, J    | Ferguson, Wm    | Parks, L C      |
| Brown, Chas    | Forie, F        | Peacock, F 2    |
| Burgoyne, H    | Gornly, J M     | Provost, Peter  |
| Benaro, Almo   | Hamblyn, P D    | Papegors, Wm    |
| Brislow, Chas  | Hanna, Geo      | Quesnell, Levi  |
| Bingo, M W D   | Hank, Geo       | Quesnell, B     |
| Bruce, Chas    | Harris H J      | Robinson, Geo H |
| Barton, Chas   | Hancock, M      | Short, Wm       |
| Bowline, Geo   | Hersey, A J     | Stech, E        |
| Clockhart, J R | Hildredge, Chas | Shaw, J W       |
| Coburn, Jos    | Hammock, J B    | Shillington, F  |
| Cartharot, M   | Hanne, Jos      | Stoddart, J H   |
| Clarke, Jos    | Hites, Geo      | Slateneach, Geo |
| Cranney, W D   | Johnson,        | Shingleton, E H |
| Cropper, W     | Jones, Wm       | Traner, E B 2   |
| Clay, Wm       | King, H J       | Poukins, C A    |
| Conkline, C    | King, F L       | Thomas, T       |
| Cowees, S R    | Lewis, J M      | Wilson & Macky  |
| Clarke, Chas A | Leonard, J C    | Walrolf, F D    |
| Cully, Jas A   | Tanning, C 2    | Williams, L L D |
| Dexter, W O    | Fode, Chas D    | Williams, B F   |
| Dean, S        | Ladoe, A        | Williams, J J   |
| Dean, J        | Lynch, J M      | Weaver, M       |
| Drunauichel, N | McWilliams, Jos | Kingsdale, Mat  |
| Williams, J J  | Wilson, H       | Kennedy, J M    |

JOHN W. POWER, P. M.

Our Commissioners have done nothing regarding the Bozeman and the Sun River roads. Men are now at work repairing the Hill road.

Don't forget the entertainment this evening. Mr. Maguire is immense.

**Horses for Benton.**

Messrs. Brown & Akers have arrived at Missoula with two hundred and seventy-five head of horses besides three stallions. The gentlemen will travel slowly towards Benton and arrive about the first of next month, where they will dispose of their horses at low rates.

**Stoves! Stoves!**  
**CHARTER OAK & MATCHLESS**

Cooking Stoves.

**EXCELSIOR BOX STOVE.**

A complete assortment of the above popular stoves on hand and for sale by

**I. G. BAKER & CO.**

**W. BOURCHARDT,**

Fort Benton, Montana.

Dealer in Gentlemen's

READY MADE CLOTHING, HOSIERY, &c.,

and a fine assortment of

PIPES, TOBACCOS, & SEGARS.

**NOTICE—CARD.**

SUN RIVER CROSSING; MONTANA,  
August 9th, 1875.

To all whom it may concern:

I have this day sold to George Steell all my right, title, and interest in and to the following, viz:

All merchandise in and pertaining to my store and blacksmith shop at Sun River Crossing, together with my interest in the bridge known as Largent's Bridge, at Sun River Crossing; my interest in the saw mill, and the lumber business carried on under the name and firm of Largent & Adam's; together with all book accounts, notes or other securities due and pertaining to the above-named business; and the above-named George Steell is hereby authorized by me to collect all debts due me.

All persons knowing themselves to be indebted to me, will call and make immediate settlements and save costs.

JOHN LARGENT.

**CARD.**

Having bought out the interest of the above-named John Largent, I ask the attention of all who are indebted to him to settle their accounts as requested, and solicit the patronage of all old customers and the public generally.

GEORGE STEELL.

**BOOTS & SHOES.**

The undersigned will furnish the residents of Fort Shaw and vicinity with custom-made Boots & Shoes of finest finish and latest style, at short notice and on reasonable terms. Repairing neatly and promptly executed.

JOSEPH P. SMITH,

Seventh Infantry Band, Fort Shaw, M. T.

**ST. LOUIS HOTEL**

Sam Schwab..... Proprietor

MAIN STREET, HELENA.

Steamer passengers and other persons visiting Helena will find it to their advantage to patronize this well-known House.

**PROPOSALS.**

SEALED PROPOSALS will be received at the office of the undersigned, at Fort Peck Agency, M. T., until 12 o'clock M., Saturday, October 2d, 1875, for furnishing the following articles for the service at said Agency, viz:

- 200 tons Hay.
- 500 cords Wood.
- 700 bushels Charcoal.
- 40 gallons Coal Oil.
- 800 pounds Iron, assorted sizes.
- 500 pounds Steel, assorted sizes.
- 500 pounds Cut Nails, assorted sizes.
- 6 Two-horse Wagons, with whiffle-trees and neck yokes.
- 6 Sets Harness, (double).
- 2 dozen Hand Saws.
- 2 dozen Augurs, 1/2 inch to 2 inches.
- 50 American Cows.
- 3 American Bulls.
- 500 Sheep (Ewes).
- 5 Sheep (Rams).

Separate bids will also be received at the same time and place for the following supplies:

- 5,000 pounds Beans.
- 8,000 pounds Hominy.
- 1,000 pounds Rice.
- 20,000 pounds Oats.
- 75,000 pounds Dried Buffalo Meat.
- 100,000 pounds Penmanican.

All articles to be of unexceptionable quality, subject to a thorough inspection by the Agent or other designated person, and to be delivered at Fort Peck or at Wolf Creek, M. T., upon the requisition of the Agent, as the needs of the service may require, after approval of contracts by the Department.

The cows and bulls to be good American dairy stock, not over 7 nor under 3 years old.

The sheep to be good average American, well woolled and not over 3 years old.

Bids must be accompanied with the usual guarantee to enter into contract and give the required bonds, should the contract be awarded to him or them.

Proposals will be entertained for any or all of the articles enumerated.

All bids must have a copy of this advertisement attached, endorsed, "Proposals for supplies, etc., for U. S. Indian Department," and addressed to the undersigned, at Fort Peck Agency, Montana Territory.

The right is reserved to reject any and all bids; also, the right to increase or diminish the amount to the extent of 25 per cent.

Bidders are invited to be present at the opening of the bids, October 6th, at Fort Peck Agency.

WM. W. ALDERSON,  
U. S. Indian Agent

September 4th, 1875.

**D. W. MARSH,**

Having leased and re-fitted the store formerly occupied by W. S. Wetzel & Co.,

**ON FRONT STREET,**

Is now prepared to offer to the citizens of Benton and vicinity.

**Cheap for Cash or Barter,**

A General Assortment of

**MERCHANDISE**

Consisting of

- DRY GOODS
- GROCERIES,
- HARDWARE
- CROCKERY,
- HATS
- CAPS,
- BOOTS
- SHOES,

Notions, Etc., Etc.

Fort Benton, M. T., August 1875

**An Institution of the Country.**

The Montana Steam Cracker Company North Main Street, Helena, has become one of the institutions of the Territory, and deserving of patronage. They manufacture just what is needed in this section. Hard Tack, Soda, Butter, Pic-Nic, Milk, and Sugar Crackers, Ginger Snaps, &c., &c., and deal in Groceries, Flour, Grain, Assorted Merchandise, and Bakers' Goods Generally. Send to LOCKEY BROS. for anything you want.

**Important to the Travelling Public.**

It is the duty of all persons before starting on a journey to ascertain by what route they can reach their destination with the least possible trouble, and if there are two or more roads leading to the same point, to decide which is the safest and pleasantest to travel.

We take pleasure in stating that the CHICAGO & NORTH-WESTERN RAILWAY is the oldest, and several miles the shortest, route between Omaha and Chicago. Within the past two years the road has been put in admirable condition, and almost the entire line has been relaid with steel rails.

The Depot in Chicago is centrally located, and as their trains arrive there thirty minutes in advance of all other lines, passengers can always be sure of making Eastern connections. For all points in Northern and North-Eastern Iowa, you should purchase tickets via Marshall, Cedar Rapids, or Clinton. For points in Northern Illinois or Wisconsin, via Fulton; and if you are going to Chicago, or East, you should, by all means, purchase your tickets by the Old Pioneer Route—

**THE CHICAGO & NORTH-WESTERN.**

You will find on all through trains Pullman Sleepers, new and magnificent Day Coaches, and the best Smoking and Second Class Cars now on any road in the United States.

Particular information, with maps, time tables, etc., may be had at any of the Through Ticket Offices in the West, or upon personal or written application to

J. H. MOUNTAIN, Western Traveling Agent, Omaha, Neb., or to  
W. H. STENNETT, General Passenger Agent, Chicago.